



St James' Church of England Junior School

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Dear Parent / Carer,

SCHOOL MEALS

We have just been informed by our supplier that due to the rising cost of produce the amount we pay for school meals will be going up from September 2025. We have tried our best over the past few years to keep the cost of school meals as low as we possibly could to help all of our families with the cost of living but sadly this is no longer sustainable.

From September 2025 the cost of a meal will be £2.70 per day, £13.50 per week. This will not affect families that are eligible for free school meals. If you are unsure if you are eligible for free schools please do apply, it doesn't take long to apply online. Follow the link below if you wish to try:

<https://www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/schools-and-education/free-school-meals-and-clothing-vouchers>

We have made a couple of changes to our menus starting after the half term break and will have more choice available on the deli bar. Some of the changes are a variety of paninis, sausage roll and mac and cheese.

On Tuesday 10th June we would like to have a taster day which will be free of charge to all pupils. The idea is so children can try a couple of items we discussed putting on the menu, but were unsure if they would like them. Food for this day will be filled naan bread with garlic or spicy chicken and grated cheese, jacket potatoes with all the usual fillings plus crispy onions, garlic butter and a mild chilli. If your child would not like to try anything on this day they will need to bring a packed lunch but we do ask that you encourage them to give it a go.

On Friday 4th July we will be celebrating American Independence Day by having hotdog and fries and we will finish off the school year on Friday 18th July with a buffet.

All of the above will be updated on ParentPay over the next couple of weeks.

As always, we would like to thank you for your ongoing support, please don't hesitate to contact school if you have any questions.

Many thanks
Mrs Rushton
Headteacher

